

MINUTES
WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AUGUST 11, 2015
JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL
WEBSTER KNIGHT DRIVE
5:30 P.M.

This meeting was called to order by Stephen H. Lawton, Chairperson.

Members Present:

Stephen Lawton, Chairperson
Christopher Messier, Vice-Chairperson
Rene Coutu, Clerk
Patricia Keenan
Luis Colon

School Committee

Attorney Present:

Andrew Henneous

Administrators Present:

Karen Tarasevich, Superintendent of Schools
Leah Bessette, Principal, Wakefield Hills Elementary
School
James Monti, Director of Educational Reform,
Compliance and Technology
Jessica Perry, Maisie Quinn School Administrator/
Assistant to the Director of Special Education
Keith Remillard, Director of Federal Programming
and Innovative Practice
Philip Solomon, Principal, West Warwick High
School
Joseph Spagna, Director of Financial Operations
Kenneth Townsend, Director of Property Services
Paul Vigeant, Director of Special Education and
Pupil/Personnel Services

Recording Secretary:

Michelle M. Colozzo

1. Open Session

Open Session

Mr. Lawton opened the meeting at 6:34 P.M.

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2. Roll Call

Roll Call

The following members were present: Mr. Lawton, Mr. Messier, Mr. Coutu, Mrs. Keenan, and Mr. Colon.

3. Motion to go into Executive Session

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
ACCORDING TO RI GENERAL LAWS 42-46-4
AND 42-46-5, SUBSECTION (A),**

- **PARAGRAPH 1: PERSONNEL:
EMPLOYEE PRE-SUSPENSION HEARING
RIGL 42-46-5 (A) (1)**
- **PARAGRAPH 1: PERSONNEL:
DISCUSSION: RESIGNATION OF
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT WEST
WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL RIGL 42-46-
5(A)(1)**
- **PARAGRAPH 2: COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING: COUNCIL 94
NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE RIGL 42-46-
5(A)(2)**
- **PARAGRAPH 2: COUNCIL 94
GRIEVANCE/ARBITRATION RIGL 42-46-
5(A)(2) AND (9)**
- **LEGAL ADVICE: OPEN GOVERNMENT
SUMMIT**

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GO INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION ACCORDING TO RI
GENERAL LAWS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5,
SUBSECTION (a),**

- **PARAGRAPH 1: PERSONNEL:
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Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee met in Executive Session.

4. Open Session

Open Session

Mr. Lawton opened the public session at 6:30 P.M.

5. Roll Call

Roll Call

The following members were present: Mr. Lawton, Mr. Messier, Mr. Coutu, Mrs. Keenan, and Mr. Colon.

6. Reading of Mission Statement

Reading of Mission Statement

Mrs. Keenan read the Mission Statement of the West Warwick Public Schools.

The West Warwick Public Schools, in partnership with the entire community, is dedicated to providing all learners with access and opportunity to a challenging comprehensive education while developing 21st Century Skills in a safe, personalized learning environment.

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7. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Colon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

8. Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes

Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE SEAL THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

9. Audience of Citizens

Audience of Citizens

Mr. Lawton said this is when we open up the microphone for anyone who would like to say a few words at the podium; there is also an opportunity later in the meeting for this.

Mrs. Tarasevich said starting next month, we will have a sign-up sheet next to the agendas. The Attorney General's Office is requiring all school departments to do this; and we will mention this again.

10. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson's Report

Mr. Lawton said he has two topics: one is to congratulate Kenny Townsend and his crew for getting the schools somewhat back to order after the storm last Tuesday. The other thing is to mention that the West Warwick High School Class of 2015 has 20 students graduating on Thursday night. Mr. Solomon said a lot of those kids, almost half, have worked hard at Maisie Quinn to get to this point—hats off to Jess Perry who has done a great job.

11. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tarasevich said she wants to thank Kenny for all of the summer work—he and his crew have done a lot

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of work in a very short period of time and during the storm. Mrs. Tarasevich also thanked Jim Monti and Frank Mealey—they had significant issues and Frank Mealey came in two or three days when he was supposed to be on vacation to resolve the problems for us.

Mrs. Tarasevich said regarding personnel, we are in very good shape for the start of the school year, and she thanked Paul Vigeant and Lori Sorel and everyone who served on an interview committee. We have a couple of resignations and leaves, but otherwise, we are in very good shape.

Mrs. Tarasevich said she put out a phone message the other day regarding the HPV requirement of the Rhode Island Department of Health. There will be five community meetings and people can check their website for more information. This is a new requirement for all 7th grade boys and girls in order to be enrolled in school—there was a phone alert and it is on our web page. As a result, they will hold a community meeting at the high school for people who may not be able to travel around the state---we want to make you aware of that if you hadn't already seen it on the news.

Mrs. Tarasevich said she is excited for the start of school and said we will be ready. She said every new year brings a lot of great new opportunities, and she looks forward to that.

12. Consent Agenda

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**a) Approval: Executive Session Minutes:
July 14, 2015**

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**b) Approval: Open Session Minutes:
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c) Approval: Payment of Bills: \$782,972.00

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**d) Approval: Home
Instruction Plans**

MOTION

d) Approval: Home Instruction Plans

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Motion seconded by Luis Colon, for discussion.

Mrs. Keenan commented that she loves the detail on the new format of the listing of bills. Mrs. Tarasevich also commented great job on that.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

**13. Discussion/Approval:
Bid Awards**

MOTION

Discussion/Approval: Bid Awards

a) Rubbish Removal

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the bid award submitted by Patriot Disposal in the amount of \$41,793.00 for the removal of rubbish for the district, for a three-year period beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE BID AWARD SUBMITTED BY PATRIOT DISPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,793.00 FOR THE REMOVAL OF RUBBISH FOR THE DISTRICT, FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018. Motion seconded by Christopher Messier, for discussion.

Mr. Lawton asked if these are the same people we have always used. Mr. Townsend said we have had them in the past. Mr. Lawton said they were about half the price.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier,

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Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

b) Elevator Service

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the bid award submitted by Otis Elevator in the amount of \$17,172.00 for elevator service for a three-year period.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE BID AWARD SUBMITTED BY OTIS ELEVATOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,172.00 FOR ELEVATOR SERVICE FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD.

Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher Messier, Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

c) Exterior Light Fixtures – John F. Horgan Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the bid award submitted by Electrical Wholesalers in the amount of \$22,365.00 for the purchase of exterior lighting at John F. Horgan Elementary School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE BID AWARD SUBMITTED BY ELECTRICAL WHOLESALERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,365.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF EXTERIOR LIGHTING AT JOHN F.

HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

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14. Discussion: Paperless Agenda App

Discussion: Paperless Agenda App

Mrs. Tarasevich said at the request of Vice-Chairman Christopher Messier, we will be having a discussion about the paperless agenda app. She said if you recall, at the last meeting, it was on the agenda for discussion. Mr. Monti was asked to do a little research, and he is here tonight to report out.

Mr. Monti said he had two meetings—the first meeting was basically to talk about some of the goals and objectives. The last meeting was Friday, August 7th, for almost an hour where we went through the ins and outs of the electronic agenda. We talked about the need to fit it into the technology we already use.

Mr. Monti said the person he spoke to at Granicus was going to put together a proposal and quote. As of right now, he doesn't know the cost; he thinks it's probably fairly substantial—up to \$10,000 for purchase of the application and a monthly cost associated with that.

Mr. Monti said until they provide us with information, it's just speculative, but Mr. Monti anticipates having the information shortly.

Mr. Colon asked the things that you discussed, do we have that capability already? Mr. Monti said he thinks there are things we can do locally without incurring cost that would bring us close to paperless. This product is very slick, moving to a completely automated process for minutes and transcription and recording at significant cost.

Mr. Monti said there are much cheaper options regarding that; it all depends on which direction the School Committee would like to go in.

15. Traffic Flow at Greenbush Elementary School

Discussion: Traffic Flow at Greenbush Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that there be a discussion regarding the traffic flow at Greenbush Elementary School. She said she would like to start

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off the conversation by stating the obvious: student safety and faculty and community safety is always our utmost consideration. There have been a lot of traffic studies done and facility studies done in the past and any changes that she believes that could have been made have been made. Mrs. Tarasevich said the conversation has come to light again, and we want to get everyone's input to see where we are. The steps she has taken are: spoken to Councilman Tucker, and reached out to Chief Silva and asked that it be put on the Traffic Commission agenda. Mrs. Tarasevich said that she has asked to be invited to that meeting, and Mr. Townsend is on that commission, to leave no stone unturned and to put our heads together as a town to see if there's a solution.

Mr. Lawton said his kids went to Greenbush for 11 years, and it's always been an issue. He said he will say that his last experience with his son—they did an excellent job trying to hurry the kids and parents—it's just sheer numbers. There's a back corner, but that's not public access and then you would be watching problems there.

Mr. Lawton said if anyone wants to talk about this, you can talk.

Mrs. Alyson Satchell addressed the School Committee. She said she has been very vocal for the last 14 years at Greenbush. Mrs. Satchell said the last two years have been increasingly congested due to the fact that we have all-day Kindergarten, also due to parents dissatisfied with buses—there have been complaints and they have not been satisfied. She said she knows you prefaced it with saying the school department has done everything—she knows Kenny has been out there.

Mrs. Satchell said the staff and administration—no one has jurisdiction in that parking lot—we are at the mercy of parents following the procedure which they don't. If you are a teacher trying to keep law and

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order, you are hit with verbal abuse and screamed at. Parents are there, and their time is limited; they really don't want to hear from the staff. Mrs. Satchell said she thinks there can be more done on Greenbush Road itself—even if it takes police involvement. There are not a lot of students that walk, but there are a lot of students that get dropped off on a daily basis. She said when she covers for the principal, she goes outside and she can't believe what goes on—there is a line of cars from the top of Greenbush Road up to Greenbush School; there are cars on the wrong side of the road. She said parents are aggravated; they are trying to exit properly. Unless someone sees it on a daily basis, people can't see how bad it is. She knows the crossing guards are the responsibility of the town and cost the school department money.

There are 30 minutes at arrival and dismissal—they could park on Greenbush Road—talking about parents not coming in at all. There are just enough spaces for staff—maybe 10 or 12 extra, and with itinerants, there are just enough.

Mrs. Satchell said at dismissal, we have staff members who have child care themselves, and staff members have been blocked in. She said she herself was blocked in on a Friday until 5 P.M. because someone's car got stuck.

Mr. Lawton asked if it is worse in the afternoon, and Mrs. Satchell said yes. Mr. Messier said in the afternoon, people have to go to the office and sign out. Mrs. Satchell said there are parents that don't want to get caught in that pick-up line; they come to pick up their kids 10 to 15 minutes early every single day.

Mr. Colon asked if there is a possibility of staggering by grades. Mrs. Tarasevich said that could be a busing problem. Mr. Messier said if the bus students were all sent home at once, but if parents are picking them up, and Mrs. Tarasevich said that becomes a staffing issue. Mr. Colon said it's not only the teachers but the

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citizens who live in the area, and Mr. Lawton said he himself has gotten caught in that traffic.

Mrs. Satchell said another thing that concerns her is that parents can just drop their kids off and leave. She said when they come to pick up, they double park behind the staff—if a rescue had to come, they wouldn't be able to get through.

Mr. Townsend said one side is wetlands and the other side is wetlands—we can't add parking. Staggering has been talked about many times, but it becomes a staffing issue. We have tried to think of everything. Alyson is not wrong—he has seen it with his own eyes, and the principal is trying to address it when it happens. He said he addresses it at the high school with 2000 kids.

Mrs. Satchell said staff members have been out there and don't have any jurisdiction. The lines are painted and there is signage but parents just don't listen; it really is a dangerous situation. Parents get so fed up, she has seen parents let Kindergarten students off and they walk in between cars. She said she know there's no viable solution because there's no land there.

Mr. Messier said there are no sidewalks from the road to the building. Mr. Townsend said it's not a good practice dropping off on a main road. Amanda Bagley said she was a traveling itinerant last year, and it was very difficult to find parking. She said there is access from the back road—what is back there—could that be staff parking? Mr. Townsend said it is set up for fire only.

Mr. Lawton asked about how many kids a day are picked up, and Mrs. Satchell said over a hundred. Mr. Messier said he is curious why a third of the school doesn't take the bus. One woman from the audience said her daughter was on the bus for an inordinate amount of time—45 minutes.

Mr. Lawton said hopefully we might get a little more information after the superintendent meets with the

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Traffic Board. Mrs. Satchell asked when will they meet? Mr. Townsend said they meet once a month, but he doesn't know when it will be. Mrs. Tarasevich said we will follow up and see where we can go with it.

**16. Discussion/Approval:
Second Reading:
Early College Access
Policy**

**Discussion/Approval: Second Reading: Early
College Access Policy**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee discuss and approve the second reading of the Early College Access Policy.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF THE EARLY COLLEGE ACCESS POLICY. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

**17. Discussion/Approval:
School Physician
Contract with
Thundermist Health
Center**

**Discussion/Approval: School Physician Contract
with Thundermist Health Center**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee table this item.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TABLE THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN CONTRACT WITH THUNDERMIST HEALTH CENTER. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion to table unanimously passed.

**18. Approval:
Memorandum of
Agreement**

**Approval: Memorandum of Agreement By and
Among the West Warwick School Committee and
the West Warwick Teachers' Alliance**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the Memorandum of Agreement

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By and Among the West Warwick School Committee and the West Warwick Teachers' Alliance.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE WEST WARWICK TEACHERS' ALLIANCE. Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

19. **Discussion/Approval:
Revision to West
Warwick High School
2015-2016 Program of
Studies**

Discussion/Approval: Revision to West Warwick High School 2015-2016 Program of Studies

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the revision to the West Warwick High School 2015-2016 Program of Studies.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REVISION TO THE WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL 2015-2016 PROGRAM OF STUDIES. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

20. **Discussion/Approval:
Revised 2015-2016
School Calendar**

Discussion/Approval: Revised 2015-2016 School Calendar

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the revised 2015-2016 school calendar.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REVISED 2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis

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Colon, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

21. Approval: Parental Leave

Approval: Parental Leave: Preschool Special Educator

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the request for parental leave submitted by Karen Siciliano, Preschool Special Educator, beginning August 31 through November 23, 2015.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR PARENTAL LEAVE SUBMITTED BY KAREN SICILIANO, PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATOR BEGINNING AUGUST 31 THROUGH NOVEMBER 23, 2015. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

22. Approval: Extension of Parental Leave

Approval: Extension of Parental Leave: Grade 2 Teacher – Greenbush Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the request for an extension of parental leave submitted by Coreen Gingerella, Grade 2 Teacher at Greenbush Elementary School, effective during the 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF PARENTAL LEAVE SUBMITTED BY COREEN GINGERELLA, GRADE 2 TEACHER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE DURING THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia

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Keenan, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

23. Approval: Maternity Leave

Approval: Maternity Leave: Special Education Teacher – John F. Horgan Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the maternity leave request submitted by Kristen Jaswell, Special Education Teacher at John F. Horgan Elementary School, effective 9/28/15 to 1/1/16.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MATERNITY LEAVE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY KRISTEN JASWELL, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE 9/28/15 TO 1/1/16. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

24. Acceptance of Resignations

Acceptance of Resignations:

a) Assistant Principal – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended with great regret that the School Committee accept the resignation of Kimberly Laliberte, Assistant Principal at West Warwick High School, effective immediately. Mrs. Tarasevich said that Kim has been in our district for several years and has done a wonderful job; she is leaving us to pursue an opportunity in another district—their gain is our loss. Mrs. Tarasevich said we thank her for her help in our district and wish her well in her future endeavors.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT

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THE RESIGNATION OF KIMBERLY LALIBERTE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

b) .5 Science Teacher – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Rachel O’Leary from the position of .5 Science Teacher at West Warwick High School, effective immediately.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF RACHEL O’LEARY, .5 SCIENCE TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

c) Teacher Assistant – John F. Horgan Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Sheri Newsham from the position of Teacher Assistant at John F. Horgan Elementary School, effective July 15, 2015.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF SHERI NEWSHAM FROM THE POSITION OF TEACHER ASSISTANT AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JULY 15, 2015. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative:

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Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

d) Custodian – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Mario Cerullo, Custodian at West Warwick High School, effective July 21, 2015.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MARIO CERULLO, CUSTODIAN AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JULY 21, 2015. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher Messier, Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

25. Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

a) Reappointment: Head Varsity Girls' Tennis Coach – West Warwick High School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the reappointment of Greg Gonsalves to the position of Head Varsity Girls Tennis Coach at West Warwick High School. Mrs. Tarasevich noted that Mr. Gonsalves has done a great job with the tennis team and brought them to the state championship. Mrs. Tarasevich also said that she had received a letter from a Coventry parent after a match with West Warwick saying what a wonderful experience it was and praising the sportsmanship of our team.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GREG GONSALVES TO

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THE POSITION OF HEAD VARSITY GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM COACH AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

**b) Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher – West Warwick High School
(FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Jane O'Leary to the position of Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at West Warwick High School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JANE O'LEARY TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

c) .2 LEA – Maisie E. Quinn School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Denise DiFranco to the position of .2 LEA at Maisie E. Quinn School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DENISE DIFRANCO TO THE POSITION OF .2 LEA AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL. Motion

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seconded by Christopher Messier, for discussion. Mr. Messier asked if she will be doing Child Outreach. Mrs. Tarasevich said that her role is LEA for Maisie Quinn. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

d) Head Co-Ed & Girls' Combined Cross Country Coach (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Wayne Marsocci to the position of Head Co-Ed & Girls' Combined Cross Country Coach at West Warwick High School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF WAYNE MARSOCCI TO THE POSITION OF HEAD CO-ED & GIRLS' COMBINED CROSS COUNTRY COACH AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

e) Head Co-Ed Cheerleading Coach – West Warwick High School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Taylor Gargano to the position of Head Co-Ed Cheerleading Coach at West Warwick High School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF TAYLOR GARGANO TO

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THE POSITION OF HEAD CO-ED CHEERLEADING COACH AT WEST

WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

f) Co-Head Co-Ed Cheerleading Coach – John F. Deering Middle School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Ariana Witherspoon to the position of Co-Head Co-Ed Cheerleading Coach at John F. Deering Middle School.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE
AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF
ARIANA WITHERSPOON TO THE POSITION
OF CO-HEAD CO-ED CHEERLEADING
COACH AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE
SCHOOL.** Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher Messier, Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Colon said he knows the family very well and knew her since she was a young cheerleader for the West Warwick Steelers—she is a great kid and it's great to see her coming back.

26. Discussion/Action: Proposed Resolution of Council 94 Grievance Re: Award of Position

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Mrs. Tarasevich said that she would like to withdraw this item from the agenda.

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**27. Discussion/Approval:
Council 94
Negotiations/
Mediation**

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Mediation**

Mrs. Tarasevich said she just wants to bring to the public's attention that we have been negotiating with Council 94 and we will continue with the help of a mediator and continue to hope for a contract and resolution very soon.

**28. Discussion/Approval:
Proposed Resolution
of Council 94
Grievance/
Arbitration**

**Discussion/Approval: Proposed Resolution of
Council 94 Grievance/Arbitration**

Mrs. Tarasevich said that she would like to withdraw this item from the agenda.

29. Audience of Citizens

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None.

30. Adjournment

Adjournment

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier and Stephen H. Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Coutu, Clerk

Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder